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***USS Nassau Returning From The Mediterranean  
And The Multinational Exercise  
“Phoenix Express 2007”***

Norfolk, Va. – Nearly 1,000 Sailors aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Nassau (LHA 4) will return to their homeport Monday, May 7, 2007 after successfully completing a six week deployment and participating in the multinational exercise “Phoenix Express” in the Sixth Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR).

“Phoenix Express” included participants from Algeria, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey and the United States. The multi-national exercise focused on developing the individual and collective maritime proficiencies of participating nations. The exercise was to promote friendship, mutual understanding and cooperation with regional partners.

Commander, Amphibious Squadron Six, Captain Martin R. Allard, and staff embarked on USS Nassau for the duration of the exercise. Detachments from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 26 (HSC-26), Beach Master Unit Two (BMU-2), Assault Craft Unit Two (ACU-2) and Fleet Surgical Team will also embarked.

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